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Press Conference today by Interior Min Robert Lehr, Director of Fed Office for Protection of Constitution, Otto John, SecState Hans Ritter von Lex, Ministerialdirektor Hans Aegidi regarding arrest of Nazi plotters.

Lehr stated, whole affair been greatly exaggerated. "Too much honor, importance been attached to it." Lehr said: "This not underground movement but merely limited circle of individuals. We known about this for quite some time, not needed warning from British. Circle been watched by Fed Office for Protection of Constitution which exchanged information with British."

I not wanted German authorities intervene. For us basic law, article nine, para two, not gave sufficient reason for action. British, however, based their action on endangering security of occupation forces."

Following answers given to questions by newsmen:

Lehr: Circle no connection with North-Rhine Westphalia FDP-leader Friedrich Midielhaue. Furthermore, no connection been established with FDP either.

Lehr: As these people been arrested for endangering security of occupation forces they be tried before British court -- if matter comes to trial.

John: We cannot give any further information. We do not know who the group is as it endanger British investigation. Term "conspiracy" rather vague, goes too far. These people not been arrested for their political conviction but

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for their action or preparation for action.

Lehr: Meetings of this circle not so dangerous as to necessitate action
on our part. British wanted not above.

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